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START HERE

SEE THE STONE SET IN YOUR EYES
SEE THE THORN TWIST IN YOUR SIDE
I WAIT FOR YOU
SLEIGHT OF HAND AND TWIST OF FATE
ON A BED OF NAILS SHE MAKES ME WAIT
AND I WAIT……WITHOUT YOU
WITH OR WITHOUT YOU
WITH OR WITHOUT YOU

GEFFEN RECORDS : WITH OR WITHOUT YOU/U2

He can eat and drink. His head seems strong enough. There shouldn't be any problems...

IF THAT'S THE CASE, NOW THAT YOU'RE FULL, YOU SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO GO TO CLASS, RIGHT?!

gulp

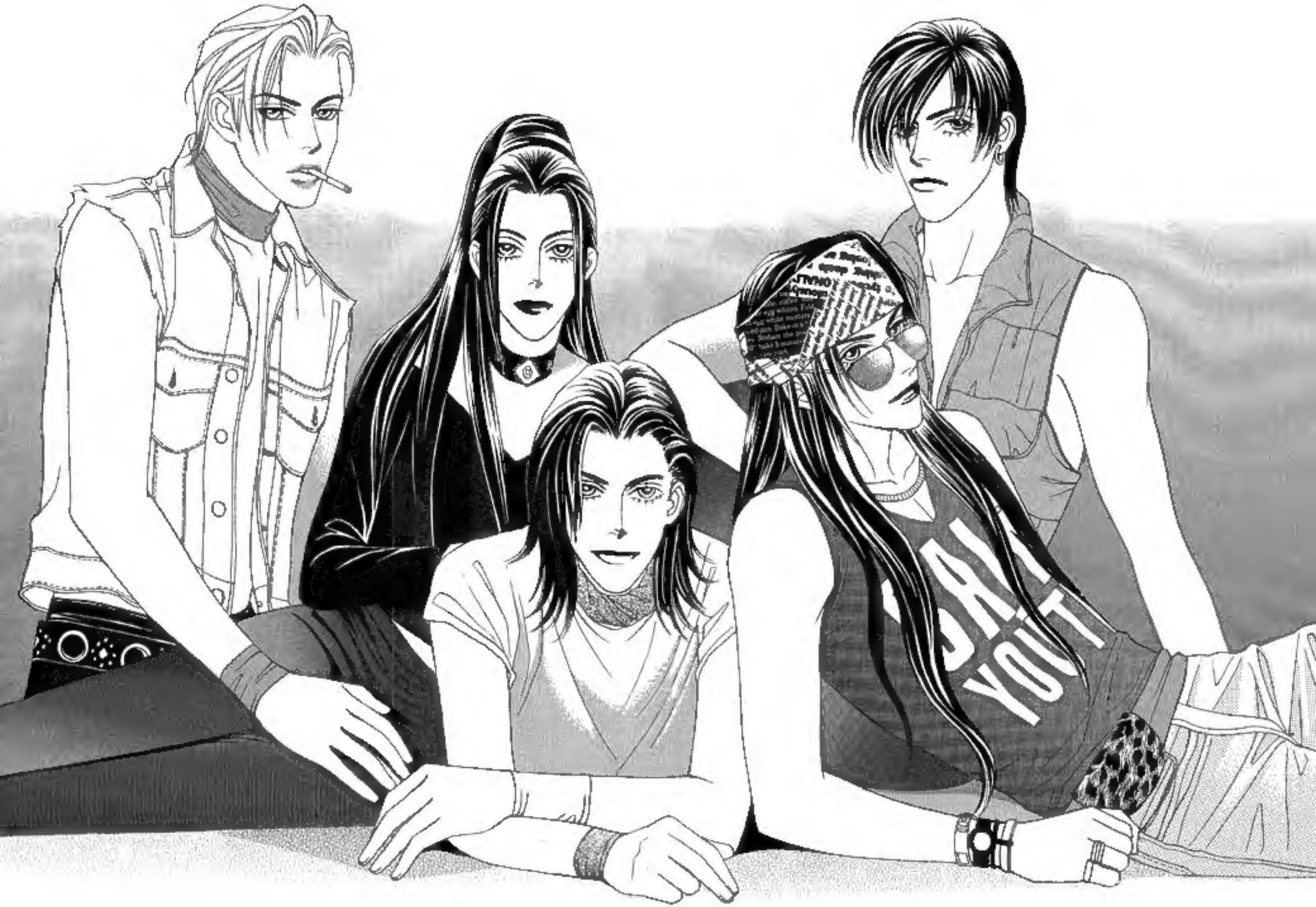
gulp

munch

munch

I SAID IT WOULDN'T ALL BE BECAUSE YOU JUST WOKE UP WITH LOW BLOOD PRESSURE AND FELL INTO A TEMPORARY DEPRESSION, RIGHT?

BURP


I'M
SORRY

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT ESCAPING!
EXPLAIN YOUR PROBLEM TO ME CLEARLY!

I'M GOING TO USE THE BATHROOM.
I'LL BE BACK RIGHT AWAY!

Finally, back to normal.
FINE! TRUTH IS...

BUT I CAN STILL FALL ASLEEP AND EAT. WHO CAN TELL ME WHY, WHY...?
Get to the point!
OBVIOUSLY I'M VERY TROUBLED AND IN SO MUCH PAIN THAT I WANT TO DIE.

I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THIS EITHER...

I NEVER REALLY LIKED MYSELF ON STAGE!

I once had confidence in my singing voice
because there were fans crazily screaming for me, and the people I worked with also looked at me with approving eyes.
Although I only just discovered that it was only a kind of...
BECAUSE I WAS ABLE TO GET APPROVAL FROM YOU GUYS,
I FELT SAFE AND SATIS-FIED,
AND THAT TURNED INTO MY PER-FORMING ENERGY!
A FEELING OF SECU-RITY?
YES.

NOT WHAT I WANTED TO DO.
I ONLY DID WHAT OTHER PEOPLE EXPECTED ME TO DO,
BUT THAT KIND OF STARTING POINT IS A MISTAKE.
THAT'S WHY THE THINGS I LEARNED IN CLASS DID NOT ALLOW ME TO ADVANCE
BUT INSTEAD WEIGHED ME DOWN.
I COULDN'T ABSORB IT ALL, AND IN THE END, I COULDN'T HOLD ONTO ANYTHING!
AT THIS POINT, WHEN I SING,
I'M MESSED UP, LIKE TRYING TO RUN IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME,
AND THAT'S WHY I WASN'T ABLE TO MOVE YOU...

SLIP
I RE-MEMBER THE LAST TIME WE CAME HERE
YOU SAID YOU REALLY WANTED TO TRY SINGING HERE!
THAT SHOULD BE AN IDEA BORN OF YOUR OWN WILL, RIGHT?

YOU SAID YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU LIKE SINGING OR NOT,
YES.
BUT IN REALITY YOU AL-READY KNOW!
Actually...
SO... TRY IT AND SEE, OKAY?
I wanted to be 100% sure that I like myself on stage without question...
YES
DON'T GIVE UP!

TAI-
WAN
Doctor's Evaluation Note
VOCAL NODES?
THIS SORT OF SICKNESS SHOULDN'T BE THAT BIG OF A DEAL!
IT REQUIRES INVASIVE SURGERY.
THE RECOVERY TIME IS 2-3 MONTHS, AFTER WHICH I CAN NO LONGER USE THAT TECHNIQUE TO SING
SINCE THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY OF RELAPSE.
ALSO, BECAUSE I'M A VOCALIST, THE DOCTOR SUGGESTED THAT I REST FOR A YEAR!

DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY I WOULD LOSE BECAUSE OF THIS?!
A YEAR ?!
DON'T JOKE AROUND!
BUT IF I DON'T HAVE THE SURGERY RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T EVEN SING A SINGLE LINE OF MUSIC WELL!
DON'T STARE AT ME I DIDN'T FORSEE THAT THIS SORT OF THING WOULD HAPPEN EITHER!
I'M ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING MUSIC THAT MAKES MONEY I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VOCALIST GETTING SICK!

I ALREADY SAID I'M ONLY A BUSINESS-MAN,
JUST LIKE YOU!
YOU DARE SAY THAT THIS MATTER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AT ALL?
I chose this road myself, and I have already prepared myself mentally.
What I did not consider was, how I would feel when I'm discussed like a piece of merchandise...
PAH!

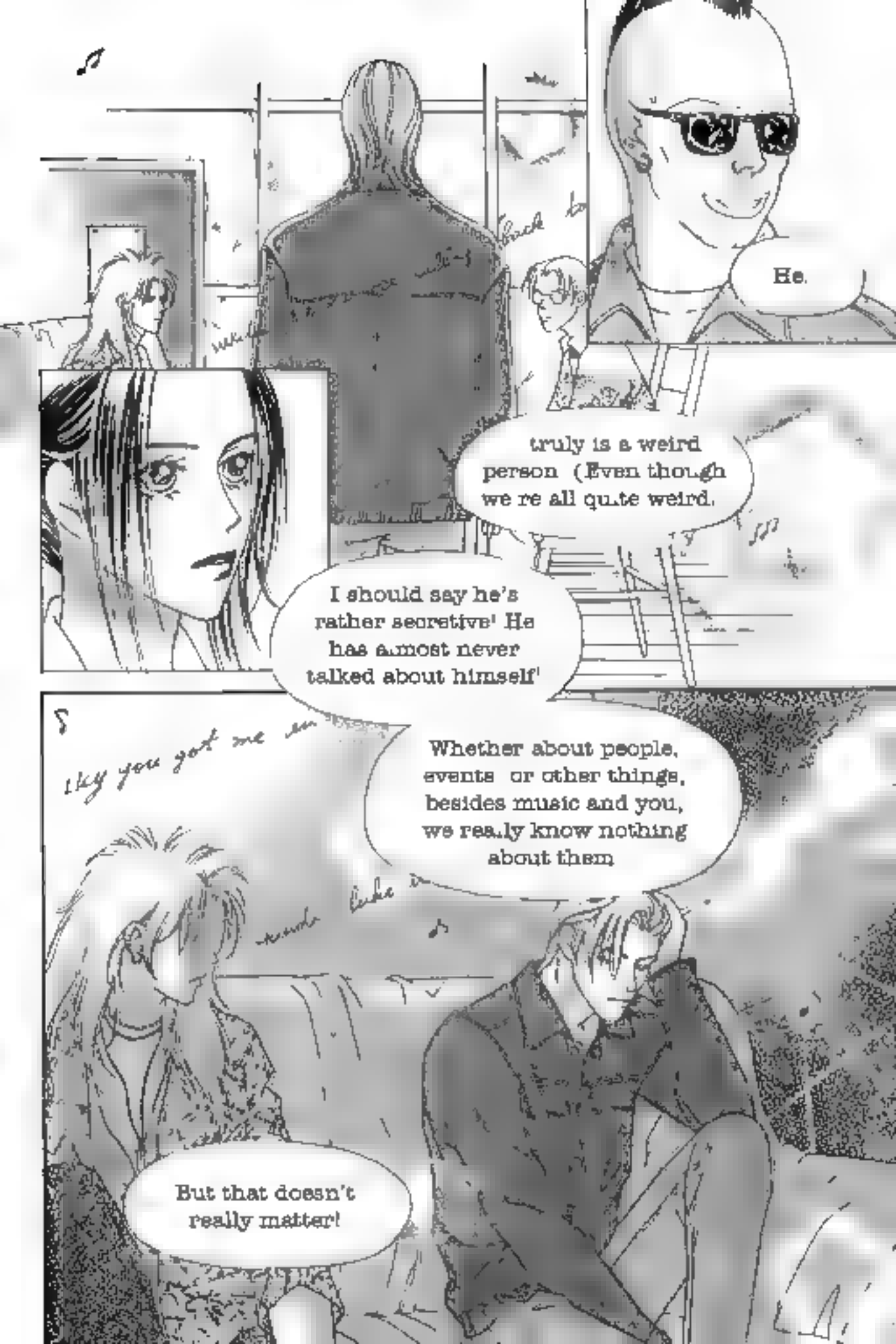
EVEN WITHOUT QIAO SHENG
NO MATTER WHAT, YOU HAVE TO CREATE A MIRACLE FOR ME!
WE STILL HAVE TO RELEASE THE ALBUM ON TIME!
IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL WHAT METHOD I USE?
CORR-ECT!

That it would be so lamentable...

PULL
You guys aren't going to practice today?
PULL
Yes.

Sometimes, we'll just meet but not do anything!
We'll just listen to the radio, drink a bit, and just chat about this and that!

That's too bad.
I really wanted to listen to your music!
Thanks
Here!
This is our self made CD. You can have it. There are only 500 of them on the planet
Wah, that's fantastic!
HEY! WHAT DID YOU DO?! THAT'S SOMETHING WE GAVE ME!
This person is so weird. How do you guys get along with him?


He.
truly is a weird person (Even though we're all quite weird.
I should say he's rather secretive! He has almost never talked about himself!
Whether about people, events or other things, besides music and you, we really know nothing about them
But that doesn't really matter!

You must know about the songs he writes They're all wonderful!
You're his girlfriend
Anyway even if it's just on the subject of music, we'll never run out of things to talk about
But he doesn't seem to think much of them!
Next we are going to introduce a special performance. It successfully marries classical intruments with rock and roll!
More importantly, it is the work of a non-professional street band.
He doesn't ?
You've heard the songs he's written?

This...
This song is...?!

"Addie Time" is broadcasting our song?!
The most influential music radio station in this area is broadcasting our song!
What... what's happening?!
This is great! We're not dreaming, right?

Bear Hug!
This is all thanks to you'
This is great, Shang Guan!
You really are a genius!
Your song got us noticed!
!?
Yeah!
Move!
Arya, don't be so embarrassed! Having Addie's recognition means that you really have talent
So this is why...
PAH!
PAH!
The song played just now is one of Shang Guan's works?

His songs are great but he doesn't seem to think much of them
GIVE IT!
WHAT ?
THE CD!
Surprisingly, even he has times when he lacks confidence...
DIDN'T YOU JUST LISTEN TO IT?
I WANT TO LISTEN TO IT!
THE SONG FROM JUST NOW IS RECORDED ON THAT CD, RIGHT?
He can't take this sort of criticism at all
WHAT KIND OF A JOKE IS THAT?! HOW COULD MY SONG NOT BE GOOD ENOUGH?
Take it!
UNLESS YOU'RE AFRAID THAT IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, SO YOU DON'T DARE LET ME LISTEN TO IT?

I like it a lot
IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S GOOD ENOUGH, THEN YOU CAN JUST GIVE IT TO ME!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
I CAN WRITE LYRICS FOR IT, AND PUT IT IN MY ALBUM!
I'LL WRITE NEW ONES FOR YOU!
THAT SONG IS FOR THEM.

YOUR SONGS ARE JUST A LITTLE HIGHER CLASS GARBAGE THAN THE REST!
YOU'RE JUST A FROG AT THE BOTTOM OF A WELL
YOU'RE A GENIUS.
IT'S TERRIFIC!
It seems to be a swear word
What did he just say? It sounds so ferocious
Hmph!
SCREW YOU!

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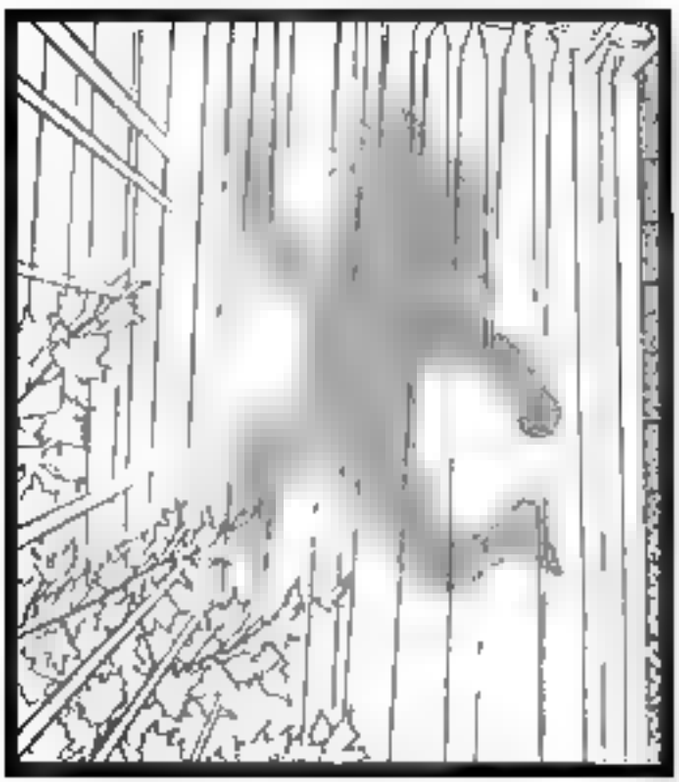

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Back from work
EH?
WHY ARE YOU BACK SO EARLY TODAY?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HELP AT THE CONCERT GROUNDS?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I WRECKED JB'S SONG BY SINGING IT!
I CAN'T SHOW MY FACE THERE AGAIN
sigh

I FEEL LIKE I'VE REALLY MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF!
HE SAID THAT MY SONG SULLIED THE STAGE, AND ASSAULTED THE EARS OF THE WORKERS!
YOU SANG IN FRONT OF HIM?
ANYWAY THE BUILDING OF THE STAGE IS ALREADY FINISHED.
HEARING HIM SAY THAT...
.....
SO I BETTER NOT INTERFERE WITH JOEY'S DRESS REHEARSALS!
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH RIGHT NOW

Is that the song you wrecked?
OH OH OH
!?

FUCK! WHY CAN'T I GRAB THAT FEEL-ING?!
YOU'RE A RETARD, WANG XIANG!
DAMMIT ..
It's the first time seeing him guy freak out

Ooh.
You're already crying!
How can I sing with that feeling I want?!
Wahhhh~! I really want to cry, Ya Ting...
MAYBE LIKE THE ONE JB AND JOEY HAVE...
I..
I DON'T KNOW EITHER!
WHAT KIND OF FEELING DO YOU WANT?

That feeling of existance and the magnetic attraction of the stage.
Probably something that I could chase after my whole life and still not be able to catch the dust trails of!
THAT AMAZING ENERGY! THE TWO OF THEM HADN'T EVEN STARTED SINGING, JUST STANDING THERE,
REAL-LY!
WHAT DO I DO TO CREATE THAT ASTONISHING ELECTRICITY THAT CAN MAKE AN EMPTY STADIUM WITHOUT AN AUDIENCE,
SEEM TO HAVE SPARKS ALONG THE AISLES?
AND ALL THE WORKERS WOULD STOP WORKING. STARING AT THEM SEEMINGLY WITHOUT A WILL OF THEIR OWN,
THE ATMO-SPHERE WAS HEATING UP LIKE THERE WERE A HUNDRED THOUSAND FANS!

AND AT THE SAME TIME I WAS DEEPLY SHAKEN!
IT WAS AN UNIMAGINABLE EXPERIENCE,
I FELT DEEPLY MOVED,
THEY SAY THAT 10 MINUTES ON THE STAGE IS 10 YEARS OF WORK OFF STAGE!
THAT'S A MATTER OF COURSE!
THEIR STRENGTH, CONFIDENCE, AND THE EMOTIONAL CONTROL THEY HAVE WHILE DOING A SONG, CANNOT BE COMPARED TO OTHER VOCALISTS!
JB AND THE OTHERS' SKILLS, WERE ACCUMULATED FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF HUNDREDS OF LARGE SCALE CONCERTS,

You have to start accumulating your skills from today onwards!

That is the meaning behind the lyrics!
Otherwise, you tell me how I'm going to sing?
SO YOU'LL EAT ANYTHING THEY FEED YOU! ARE YOU A PIG OR SOME-THING?!
BUT THAT LINE OF THINKING JUST CAME TO ME BY ITSELF I CAN'T CHANGE IT!
THE LYRICS ARE DEAD.
THE EMOTION IS ADDED ON BY THE VOCALIST
THE MEANING BEHIND THE LYRICS THAT YOU UNDER-STAND, WAS THE INTERPRETATION OF JB AND JOEY. THEY'RE NOT YOURS!
YOU CAN'T JUST THINK WHAT YOU LISTEN TO IS THE ONLY MEANING!
OOH. THAT'S MY BIGGEST WEAKNESS. THAT'S WHY I'M SO TROUBLED
THERE'S NO MEDICINE THAT CAN CURE HIM...

THEN IN A YOUTH REHAB CENTRE HE DECIDED TO END HIS LIFE
HE EXPERIENCED DRUGS SUFFERED RAPE AND SO ON
THIS SONG IS DESCRIBING A YOUTH WHO RAN AWAY FROM HOME AT 15
SUBY SANG IT WITH A SENSE OF YOUTHFUL DANCIN FOR THE MATERIALISTIC WORLD AND THE ENTIRE SONG WAS FILLED WITH THE VALUE OF VIOLENCE
SOME OF THE LYRICS ARE REFLECTIONS OF JB'S LIFE SO HE SANG IT WITH SADNESS!
IF YOU WERE THAT YOUTH, WHAT KIND OF FEELINGS WOULD YOU HAVE?
THINK ABOUT IT

I WOULDN'T TAKE DRUGS, BECAUSE THAT'S BAD FOR MY HEALTH;
ALSO
I WOULDN'T RUN AWAY FROM HOME, BECAUSE MY PARENTS WOULD WORRY;
FIRST,
AHN
HEH.
BECAUSE I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THE ABOVE I WOULDN'T NEED TO GO TO JAIL, AND THEREFORE WOULDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE
AND THEN I'LL BEAT HIM UP!
IF SOMEONE WANTS TO RAPE ME I'LL THANK HIM FOR HIS SENSE OF BEAUTY,
EH?
HA HA HA HA HA
EVEN THOUGH IT'S REALLY STUPID!
That is your interpre-tation!
BUT THAT'S JUST YOU!
AND SO YOUR SINGING STYLE WOULDN'T BE SAD, AND IT WOULDN'T BE ANGRY EITHER!

THEN WOULDN'T I BE DOING COMEDY?
AHN
NOT SADNESS AND NOT ANGER EITHER?
OF COURSE NOT! YOU DUMMY!
FAH
FAH
ABOUT A QUESTION AS DEEP AS THIS..
THIS QUESTION IS REALLY DEEP..

You ~~!
But I'm so hungry ~~!
CAN WE EAT FIRST AND THEN THINK ABOUT IT?
goo loo~
—

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TO SAY THAT YOU'RE AN ANIMAL OF "INSTINCT" ISN'T TOO MUCH AT ALL!
YOU...

REASONING IS USELESS TO YOU,
LIKE ANIMALS AND BABIES!
THAT IS TO SAY THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT CAN STOP YOU FROM SATISFYING YOUR MOST BASIC NEEDS!

She means that I'm not serious and lack self-control, and so I can't sing songs well. Isn't that right?
THAT KIND OF THING CAN NEVER EVER HAPPEN TO YOU.
AND YOU KNOW HOW SOME PEOPLE CAN CONCENTRATE ON SOMETHING SO KEENLY AS TO FORGET TO SLEEP AND EAT?

Bingo!
IN YOUR EYES, I'M THE SAME AS BARBARIANS AND BEASTS!
I GET IT!
SHE SAID "BINGO" TOO! DAMMIT!
HEY! DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!
Eh?
IF I REALLY HAVE NO SELF-CONTROL, YOU WOULD'VE ALREADY BEEN ...
? ? ?
FORGET IT! NEVER-MIND!

.....

WHAT IS IT? WHO ONLY SAYS HALF SENTENCES..

DON'T FORGET, I'M A HOT-BLOODED YOUTH PUMPED FULL OF HORMONES!
POOF!

THE HUMAN INSTINCT ASKS FOR MORE THAN EATING AND SLEEPING!

unknowingly retreating
HMPH, HMPH
I HAVE BEGUN TO THINK THAT YOU LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE MY MOTHER!
TO TELL THE TRUTH, RECENTLY
DON'T WORRY!
I WOULDN'T EAT YOU UP RIGHT HERE AND NOW!

Like... like his mom?
Is he saying that I'm like an old woman, and doesn't attract him anymore?
What does that mean?
Hmm?

I can't be his girlfriend? You take that disdainful look back!
What is that blond nympho smiling about?
Bye!
Dammit ...!
HOH! HOH.. COULDN'T PREDICT THAT I'M STILL QUITE POPULAR OUT OF THE COUNTRY!
It's all thanks to my head full of dark shiny hair!
.....

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
YOU! COME HERE FOR A SEC!
COME CLOSER!
WHAT?
GRABS IN ONE MOTION!
!
WHAT ARE YOU BEING SO SECRETIVE ABOUT?

Th...
thank
you,
author!

DO I STILL LOOK LIKE YOUR MOM RIGHT NOW?
HUH?
OR DO YOU WANT ME TO BE MORE
That's enough! That's enough!
This is so sudden, the readers won't be able to take it!
It's better to "pay in installments" and take things slowly...

YOU!
TO SAY THAT YOU'RE INNOCENT,
YET SOMETIMES YOU'RE SO SLICK AND CRAFTY ENOUGH TO BE DISLIKABLE!
EH?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
This girl's reaction is so intense...
Don't say such nonsense~ I'm obviously young and naive will never hurt people and animals, as pure as a water lily, so how could you have the heart to say such horrible things about me?
If not you who else is here?
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT THING YOU PULLED WITH YANG GUA GUA, IT WAS ALL PREMEDITATED!
DON'T KEEP PRETENDING! YOU WERE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO ANGER ME BY SAYING THAT I LOOKED LIKE YOUR MOTHER!
.....
Yo she's so sharp

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!
THAT FIASCO WITH YANG GUA GUA WAS ALL BECAUSE YOU WERE BEING DISHONEST WITH YOURSELF!
SO I COULD ONLY
WHO TOLD YOU TO SAY THAT I'M LIKE A BARBARIAN?
...
SO YOU COULD ONLY DO THINGS THAT PISS ME OFF?
SO AS TO ANGER ME, AND TO HAVE REVENGE ON ME?
?
This...must be a mistake? You can bicker about this? You're so ruthless...
YES
YOU HAVE SUCH A STRONG SENSE OF REVENGE! ARE YOU A SCORPIO?
HOW COULD A BIG MAN LIKE YOU HAVE SO LITTLE TOLERANCE?

I WON'T LET YOU PLAY WITH ME THIS EASILY FROM NOW ON!
HMPH! FORGET IT! ANYWAY
I'M SLOWLY UNDERSTANDING THIS CHAMELEON AND CONTRADICTORY PERSONALITY OF YOURS.
THAT'S RIGHT!
?
?
?
CHAME-LEON AND CONTRADIC-TORY?
HE HE HE
YOU USUALLY ACT AND THINK LIKE AN IDIOT, YOUR ACTIONS BOTH RETARDED AND STUPID.
EVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS HAVE MORE COMMON SENSE THAN YOU DO!

SOMETIMES YOUR UNDER-STANDING OF THE WORLD IS ASTONISHING.
I GUESS THIS MUST HAVE A LOT TO DO WITH YOUR ABUN-DANT WORK EXPERIENCE!
BUT..
A MAJORITY OF THE TIME, YOU'RE MORE OUTGOING AND CHEERFUL THAN ANYONE.
BUT WHEN YOU'RE GLOOMY YOU CAN BE QUITE SCARY!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING. AND YET YOU'RE ACTUALLY VERY COMPETITIVE
ON THAT POINT YOU CAN GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH SHANG GUAN FEI.

Following Ya Ting's words,
These are all things that happened, and that I never thought about!
One scene after another flashes before my eyes.

All of a sudden, a certain feeling is slowly materializing.
Also, it's becoming increasingly clear...
WHILE
I always thought I understood myself very well.
But only at this very moment that I discovered,

NOT MOV-ING
NO REAC-TION
.....
HEY! WHAT'S UP?
WHAT'S WITH THIS SHOCKED LOOK?
This is the first time I saw this hidden side of myself!
I feel that it's like...
ARE YOU POSSESSED?! YOU LOST YOUR CONCENTRATION THERE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
HEY!
HEY!
OH? WH.
WHAT IS IT?

WANG XIANG IS BEING VERY STRANGE TODAY.
HE'S BEEN HIDING IN HIS ROOM SINCE HE CAME BACK, AND DIDN'T EVEN COME DOWN WHEN WE ASKED HIM TO COME DOWN TO EAT
HE WOULDN'T BE SICK, RIGHT?

WHO KNOWS? ON THE WAY HOME TO WORK, HE STARTED ACTING ALL WEIRD,
Ahm?
HIS WHOLE PERSON SEEMED TO BE DETACHED FROM HIS SOUL

THIS IS..
IS THAT GUY
SINGING?

NO WAY ...

Ah~
hoo~

YEW!
A SHADOW RACES BY!
WANG XIANG?
!?
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'm going out for a ♥ sec!
PUT YOUR PANTS ON!

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Site of the concert
Is... is the rehearsal over?
Fuu
Fuu
Is...
The day before a concert is Joey's "save voice day"!
There isn't a rehearsal today!
Didn't you know?

The day before the concert?
WHY'D YOU COME HERE? AREN'T YOU OFF TODAY?
Did J... JB and Joey come?
DESERT
RESTAURANT
XIAO WANG?
Same old place!

Joey?
Are you sick?
Why are you wearing a mask?
I'm not allowed to talk the day before a concert
It's something he decided.
Eh?
Hello! Long time no see!
What's written on here is English of course!
Did you come to see us? Big Bear said you were off today!
I...

Please give me another chance!
Please...
The reason I came to see you guys is because I'm hoping that
J.B. can give me another chance to save his song!

I'm very busy
I don't have any time
to waste on you'
.....
I wouldn't let you
down this time'
Please!
I know you may not
care at all about whether
I can sing or not!
Maybe you even
find me to be a bore!
Bothering you
about something
small like this,
I must be very
thick-skinned!

So I really want to stand on that stage again, and prove my worth to you
But to me, this is very important
You're the person I respect the most! I don't want you to look down on me!
I fell there and I'll have to climb back up from there again!
That's too bad! I can't lend you that stage again!
Because tomorrow we'll be holding the concert!
Then just let him sing at the concert!
That I know
But if after the concert you can lend me a few minutes.

The three of us can sing together! It'd be fun!
The three of us can sing together?!
But... but if it's possible at all
This is a concert with over a hundred thousand in the audience!
You think we're "playing house"?
I want to know, what sort of different nature will surface when the three of us perform together!
Of course I still can't compare to him!

When he becomes the failing stroke in your concert, you can say that again!
Because Xiao Nuang over here is so flirtacious
You just have to be so dead enthusiastic. The only thing important about singing is to be happy
I'll pinky swear with you!
I will not become the biggest failing stroke of your concert!
(Maybe just a little "impotent"...)
"PINKY SWEAR"?
Oh~~ No...
What I mean is this! I'm willing to make a bet with you!

Make a bet?
Ha...ha ha!
Because he can't make a sound he even wrote out laughing sounds!
Kido Jiang. You really do have guts!
If this little kid is not entirely fearless, then there's something really wrong with his brain...!
.....
Then tell me, what do you have to bet with me?
!?

Oh no! I have no money and no position, I only have this little life of mine! What can I use to bet with a "Heavenly King Old Man" like JB?
Xiao Wang, work hard! Go head to head with him!
How's that?
waiting for a good show!
Tell me!
I...
——
Oh? What did you say? Speak up!

If at that time, my performance still doesn't satisfy you-
Who cares!
I'll put it all on the table!
if
said
I will..
!
I will leave "Death"!
It's a mighty gamble! I'm going to cry! Ooh~~~~~~
How's that? That's amazing, right?

That's the broke up but not, guitarist ran away.
What is "Death"?
Hey! You help out a little!
stopped performing, wandered to L.A
third class band, right?
Oh~ Sorry. I remember
IT'S THE BAND THAT I FIND AS IMPORTANT AS MY OWN LIFE!
SHIT! YOU OBVIOUSLY KNEW ALL ALONG!
So what if you leave the band? What the fuck does that have to do with me? It wouldn't do anything for me
Ha ha ha! What a laugh (cold laugh)

Ooh... Long live the king! Long live the king! Please accept my humblest apologies! You're so kind and your forgiveness is boundless! Please please please give me this opportunity!
PLEASE!
DONG
YOUR ACCURSED SON OF A BITCH! THAT'S ALREADY THE MOST VALUABLE THING I CAN OFFER!
You're yelling at me again?
Get. Out
.....
Rea, Rea, Rea, Rea, Rea... Really?!
Fine!
what an interesting guy

†He's playing around with him on purpose.

Just as you said, if you lose, you'll leave "Death"
But, the only one who could lose is you
But if by any chance you win, I wouldn't be giving you any "bet money".
unless I feel like it
To put it simply, this is an "unfair gamble", how's that?
.....

Not a problem!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU MIGHT NOT EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN?
BAM
ARE YOU A PIG HEAD ?!
WHY DON'T YOU THROW "LI HUA" AND UNCLE LANG IN THE BAG AND FORGET ABOUT IT?!
HOW COULD YOU MAKE THAT GAMBLE?

THEN "DEATH" WILL SURELY HAVE TO DISBAND
.....
IF JB WANTS TO FIX YOU, EVEN IF YOU SING VERY WELL, HE CAN STILL CHOOSE NOT TO RECOGNIZE IT
THAT'S RIGHT THIS REALLY IS A DANGEROUS GAMBLE.
I'm leaving! Before the concert, I don't want to see your stupid face.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN!
I DON'T THINK THAT HE'S AN UNFAIR PERSON.
Is... is that right?
I think he likes you quite a lot

I'M SORRY, I DID THIS WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH EVERYONE
BUT THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO TEST MYSELF
I HAVE A FEELING THAT,

WHETHER I FAIL OR SUCCEED.
THIS PERFORMANCE WILL SURELY BE THE TURNING POINT IN MY SINGING CAREER.
MAYBE THIS IS THE GOAL OF MY L.A. TRIP
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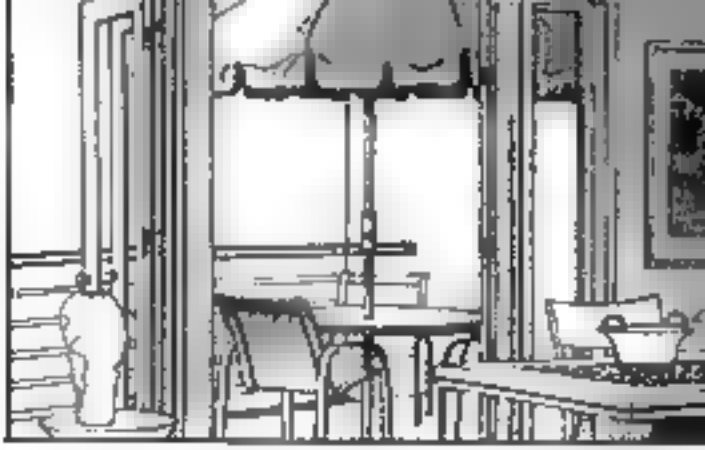

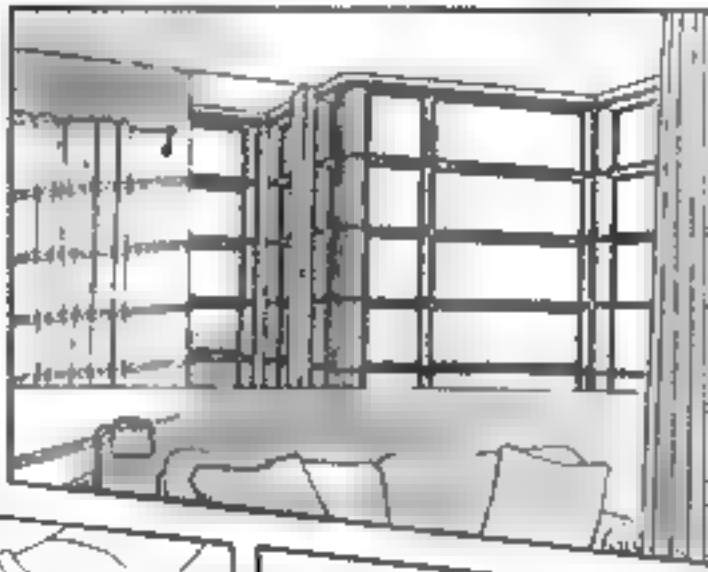

!?

OH NO! AM I GETTING OLD ?
HI! YOU'RE AWAKE!

Odd...?
Did I "do it" yesterday? The important point is that I don't remember Xiao Jie coming here...

I LAID DOWN AND FELL ASLEEP WITHOUT MEANING TO. HOW EMBARRASSING
WHEN I CAME THIS MORNING. YOU WERE STILL SLEEPING. AND BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO WAKE UP,

AHN
GOOD AFTERNOON! SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT!

THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE HERE!
HOW ANNOYING!

He was "sleeping with" Shang Guan just now too!
Honey ~~~~!!
Hi!
!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
!!
Don't be so mean! I'm scared ~
SO HE ASKED ME TO COME WITH HIM
HE HAS THINGS TO SAY TO YOU, BUT HE'S AFRAID YOU'LL KICK HIM OUT

Aiya!
QUIET.....
PAH TAH!
IS MY BIG BROTHER AWAKE YET?
You guys are having a three-some!
Ha ha.
YOU GUYS HAVE A GOOD TALK
YOUR LITTLE SISTER REALLY ISN'T A NORMAL PERVERT
This is really a once a century wonderful pairing!
THE PERVERTED ONE IS YOU!
I'LL GO STOP FEI FEI.
WHY ARE YOU ON MY BED WITHOUT A SHIRT ON?
Keep going! Don't stop! I'm going to get my "V8"!

WHAT?
THIS IS JOEY'S CONCERT TICKET, FOR TONIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

BUT I'M OFFICIALLY JOINING THE PERFORMANCE, ON THE STAGE WITH JB AND JOEY!
.....
IT'S NOT LIKE THE LAST TIME WHERE I WAS CALLED ON STAGE AT THE LAST MINUTE
AT THAT TIME I'LL GO ON STAGE TO PERFORM.

I KNOW THAT WHEN YOU AGREED TO JOIN "DEATH",
MORE THAN HALF OF THE REASON WAS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR PLAYING IN A BAND.
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, YOU ONLY ADMITTED THAT I HAVE TALENT, THAT'S ALL.
AND NOT REALLY BECAUSE YOU NEEDED TO BE SURE OF MY VOICE.
IN REA-LITY
I NEVER REACHED YOUR STANDARD.
AND THAT,
I REALLY MINDED ALL ALONG!
.....!

AND THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO COME TONIGHT
I hope this time I can win your approval ...!
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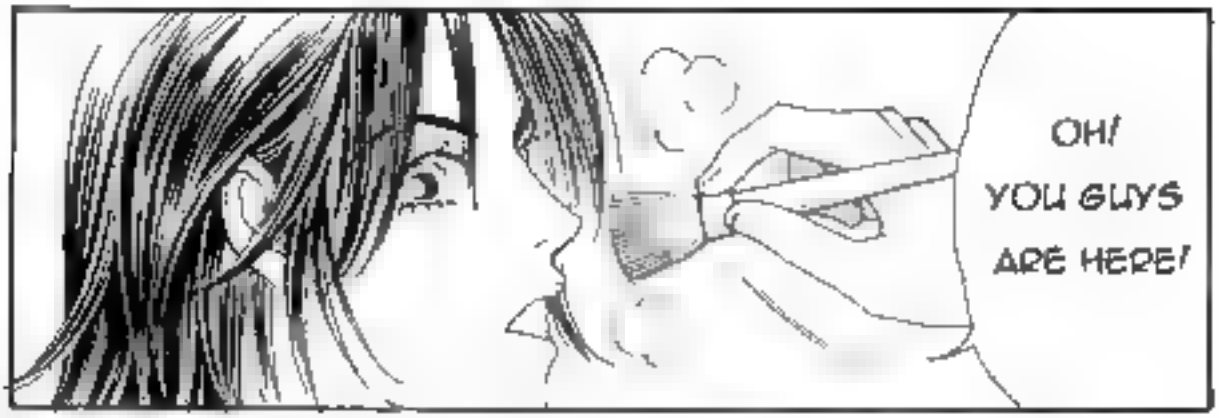
Welcome!
He specially worked on this lion's mane
AN HOUR BEFORE THE CONCERT
FIGHT POWER KING KONG
WAAH!
Are we still missing one person?
I can finally meet you all I m so happy!
I told Xiao Wang that he must bring you all here because this could be the last meeting of the members of Death
IN IN PERSON!
(AND SO CLOSE)


OH! YOU GUYS ARE HERE!

It's all thanks to me!
YOU MUST'VE MET JOEY! ARE YOU ALL HAPPY TO MEET THAT BIG STAR?

DON'T WORRY! I'VE THOUGHT IT THROUGH WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT GAMBLE AT ALL.

AH— SO YOU GUYS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THAT!

HEY! WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT KIND OF A FACE IS THAT?

IF YOU DARE BE IMPOTENT IN A SECOND, YOU JUST WAIT AND SEE

IF I AM 'IMPOTENT', THEN I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE DEATH, THAT'S CORRECT
BUT THERE ARE NO RULES AGAINST US FORMING A NEW BAND!
We can change our name to crow
YEAH!
HA HA HA!
THAT'S RIGHT!
Why are there so many people gathered here?
Bring more staff outside to keep order
Yes!

J... J.B!
Who are these people?
Joey! How are your preparations coming?
GOO!
GOO!
GOO!

Work hard!
Let me see this miracle later!
.....
I ..
I SAW JB'S REAL FACE ..
YA TING?!
PLEASE! YOU DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SHAKE HIS HAND SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST GET HIS AUTOGRAPH BEFORE YOU PAINT?
I ..
I CAN DIE WITHOUT REGRETS

The sound of drums loud as thunder!
150,000 people passionately cheering!
Do I have a way to keep it all under control?!
They opened the curtains for this rock concert!

JOEY
There's no way for me to back down now!

WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH...!
WAH!
OUR LEAD VOCALIST IS GOING TO BE IN THE BIGGEST CONCERT HE'S EVER SEEN SINCE HIS DEBUT, AND YET THE MUSICIANS ACCOMPANYING HIM AREN'T US..
SO THIS IS WHAT A 150,000 STRONG CROWD LOOKS LIKE!
WANG XIANG BETTER NOT GET WEAK KNEES
(Compared to the scale of things in Taiwan, this is like the distance between land and sky.)

The super energetic Joey! Even better than he was in dress rehearsal!
WAH!

It's almost time! Prepare yourself! You're on soon.
You seem to always wear your sunglasses on stage. Is there a special reason for that, JB?
Please read Paradise City
Afterwards, I wore them to hide my identity
In the beginning. I wore them to conquer stage fright
You can say that it's a sort of ritual!

This is my ritual to cool down my brain!
.....!
.....
THROW!
PAH!
AWAY
PAH!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

May I ask you another question, JB?
You chatter too much! What do you want to know?
Before you go on stage, what do you think about?

Defeating the entire audience!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
WAH!
!ЯТ
!ЯТ
!ЯТ
!ЯТ
!ЯТ

OH OH OH
!
WAH!
OH OH OH
!
WAH!
WAH!
OH! WAH!
WAAH!
J.B
!

I clearly understand that
everyone who is here came for JB and Joey
They don't even care who I am.
J. B
Joey
I Love You!
because...
but that's not important at all

...my battle begins here!
A CRY FULL OF EXPLOSIVE POWER,
SHATTERED THE QUIET STAGE!

JB'S GUITAR RHYTHM SLOWLY FLOWED OUT LIKE A CLEAR LIQUID.
AND WITH IT...
S.A. VOICE THAT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE HOWL WANG XIANG USED TO HAVE!
THAT IS SOMETHING I HAVE NEVER HEARD.
A VOICE COLD AS CRYSTAL AND CLEAR AS GLASS,
CASUALLY SINGING THE LYRICS OF 'RUNAWAY' TRAIN...

IN A MOMENT,
A HUSH DESCENDED ON THE AUDIENCE.
THE LANGUID AND EASY-GOING VOICE OF JOEY ASCENDS
JB'S VOICE, WHICH FASCINATES, JOINS THEM IN SEQUENCE, CAUSING A RUSTLE IN THE AUDIENCE.
AND AMIDST THE BREATHLESS EXPECTATION OF THE CROWD

JB
WAH
!
WAH
!
WAH
!
WAH
!
Joey
THE TEMPO LETS GO OF ITSELF!
THE RHYTHM GOES WILD!
AAAH~

LETTING OUT JOEY'S ALL BITTER AND BURNING SOUND,
JB'S WILD AND SMOKY SINGING VOICE SHOWERS THE CROWD WITHOUT RESTRAINT!
USHERING THESE MEANINGFUL AND HEAVY LYRICS,
ARRANGED AS EXPLOSIVELY AS PUNK MUSIC,
WILDLY TOWARDS A DIZZYING PEAK!

AND AT THE SAME TIME,
A FOREIGN CURRENT CAUGHT THE CROWD'S EYE!
KICKING ASIDE HIS PAST INTERPRETATIONS, WANG XIANG SANG UNCARINGLY.
JUDGING,
POINTED,
CRUEL,
LIKE AN OUTSIDER LOOKING DOWN WITH COLD EYES !

NOT LIKE JB'S TRAGIC ANGER, OR JOEY'S REBELLIOUS COLORING.
WANG XIANG IS SO RUTHLESS THAT YOU SIMPLY CANNOT OVERLOOK HIS EXISTENCE!
TO-DAY'S WANG XIANG
IS JUST TOO HAND-SOME!
IT'S WONDER-FUL..
FIGHT POWER
KING

THAT HAD TO BE THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT TONIGHT
Nice Wang! Good Job!
That young man sang with quite a lot of flavor.
It looks like he's that Asian boy on MTV. He's so cute.
PAW
PAW
PAW
PAW
I WONDER IF SHANG GUAN CAME TO LISTEN?

HOW IS IT, WANG XANG? WHAT DID JB SAY?
THEY TOLD EACH OTHER THAT THEY WOULD MEET OUTSIDE AFTER THE CONCERT
BUSCH GARDENS
AH
IT SHOULD BE OK!
EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO ME, HE SEEMED TO SMILE AT ME.
And then he left...
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
SORRY! UM....

THANK YOU!! WE HOPE YOU KEEP WORKING HARD!
CAN THEY EVEN READ CHINESE?

MAY I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
WE REALLY LOVED YOUR PERFORMANCE JUST NOW!

You really showed your face out there today!
NOT BAD! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE FOREIGN CHICKS FOR FANS?

ME—?!

!?
OOH
I STILL LOVE YOU GUYS THE MOST!

WHY ARE YOU ...ALL DISGUSTINGLY SAPPY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

IF YOU GUYS ARE ON STAGE WITH ME TOO I MUST BE ABLE TO SING EVEN BETTER
DON'T BE GREEDY, THE ONES WORKING WITH YOU WERE SOME OF THE BEST PERFORMERS IN THE WORLD!
WHEN WE GO BACK TO TAIWAN, PERFORM EVEN BETTER FOR US!
LET'S SAY WE'LL HAVE TO CELEBRATE!
EVEN THOUGH THIS WASN'T A DEATH CONCERT IT'S STILL WORTH CELEBRATING!
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Boss, please lend me some paper and a pen.
Thank you
WANG XIANG, HOW DID YOU THINK UP THAT STYLE OF SINGING?
OH! THAT
I JUST DISCOVERED THAT I HAD NO WAY TO TURN MYSELF INTO THAT UNLUCKY YOUTH LIKE JOEY OR JB.
AFTER ALL THAT IS A SONG ABOUT AMERICAN YOUTH SOCIETAL PROBLEMS,
THE SUBJECT MATTER ISN'T HEALTHY, AND I CAN'T SYMPATHIZE.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD THINK THINGS THROUGH. THAT'S QUITE AMAZING
CLAP
NOT BAD!
CLAP
A round of applause!
AFTER I THOUGHT ABOUT IT IF I WANT TO FIT IN BETWEEN JB AND JOEY I CAN ONLY COME IN FROM THE VIEW OF AN OUTSIDER
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
RUB-BISH!
!?
In deep thought...
Shang... Shang Guan!

Why are you here?
!?
WHAT ROTTEN LUCK ..
This is where I work, didn't you know?
Trying hard to hide his surprise
THIS IS THE CLOSEST RESTAURANT FROM THE CONCERT SITE, COULD IT BE THAT YOU.
AIYA,
ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED INTO THIS SHOP?

So you did come to see the concert!
What?
YOU! YOU WERE JUST DECORATION, AND YOU MADE IT SOUND LIKE YOU WERE A PRO OR SOMETHING. HOW BORING
SO WHAT? I JUST WANTED TO LISTEN TO JB LIVE.
Then how about me? Me?
AWAITS!

WHAT A RUTHLESS ANSWER!
.....
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, YOU CAN'T GET IVORY OUT OF A DOG'S MOUTH. YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!
EH? ARE YOU WRITING SOMETHING HERE?
SINCE WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER, LET'S JUST EAT A LATE SUPPER TOGETHER!
I'M LEAV-ING
PAH!
!?
.....

.....
WE'RE YOUR COMRADES FROM THE "OLDEN DAYS", COULD IT BE THAT WE MAKE YOU FEEL UNEASY?
WHY DO YOU KEEP AVOIDING US?
THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN MAKE ME FEEL UNEASY!
It's about time!
Luo Kai you're amazing, getting him to stay with one line!

Otherwise, no matter how much we try to get a rise out of him, it wouldn't be any use...

BLOW

Actually, seeing that he didn't flee on sight, as well as admitting to have attended the concert in the first place, I can already see that his attitude has softened.

TA!

Even though I don't dislike it, I can't help but wonder... what am I really to him? I'm not certain at all...

I ALREADY SAID THAT YOU WOULD REGRET IT!

DON'T THINK THAT SLEEPING WITH ME ONCE MEANS THAT YOU CAN INTERFERE WITH MY MOVEMENTS

.....

touches softly

Lately these endearing gestures between us have slowly become a matter of course.

I should keep a little distance...
If this continues, it could become very dangerous ...
Don't be like that! Everyone is watching!
!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HOLD TIGHTLY
No way! No way! We weren't watching at all! Please keep going! Keep going~

COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE!
In the end ..
Looks as if their relationship really already..
HEH!
HOW NICE!
so embarrassed she wants to run into the wall
TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT JOEY'S CONCERT!
DON'T JUST SMOKE AND NOT SAY ANYTHING, SHANG GUAN!
IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT YOU CAME. IT FELT REALLY GREAT, DIDN'T IT?
YEAH!
THE MUSICIANS WERE ALSO IN TOP SHAPE, AND THE ENTIRE CONCERT WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH
THEIR HARDWARE IS SO GOOD, I REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO SAY

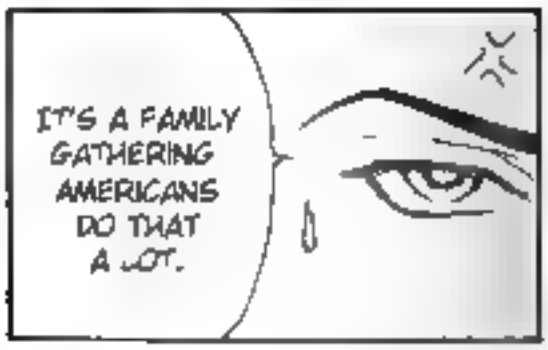
and no one brought up his coming back to the band.

Even though Shang Guan's words were few, he listened silently throughout it all, without any meaning to leave in the middle of the evening.

Only his cigarette stayed in his hand, and he sipped his wine constantly.

This feeling...

It's as if we're back to the time when we first started with the band, spending our evenings together discussing the details of the rehearsals...



*Note It's the song Faye Wong kept playing in "Chongqing forest"

In a moment, the notes of "California Dreaming"
The feeling of this song seems to pass onto the guests at the other tables.
And the sound of singing rises and falls.
cover every corner of the restaurant.
I've been for a walk on a winter's day
I'd be safe and warm if I was in L.A.
California dreamin' on such a winters' day
I stopped in a church
I passed along the way
I got down on my knees and...
But none of them moved the heart as much as this picture in front of us now.
In L.A. we'd already seen a few scenes of spontaneous singing like those talented street musicians.

You can create notes that move the heart!
As long as you can make love to music with all your heart
It doesn't matter if you have talent or if your voice is perfect. Poor technique is fine, and it's okay if half the notes are missing.
This scene brought us to another level of understanding.
.....
I'm so happy that it hurts!
It's like we experienced a musical storm!
My brain is still ringing.
Today was really awesome!

I can't take it!
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO!
I can't take it!
DEEP
DRUNK
LET'S JUST WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE!
Z
ANYWAY THE WEATHER TONIGHT IS VERY COMFORTABLE
Hey! Don't fall asleep!
Oy---!
You can't throw up here!
I can't stand it either!
Z

.....
zzz
Z
Completely unaware of other people's existence
I REALLY WANT TO SING

Started singing by himself →
Z
FIGHT!

CHANG
CHANG
CHANG
CHANG
CHANG
SO
.....
CHANG CHANG CHANG
OOH... INTOXICATED
YEE.
SO NOISY ...
WHY DID YOU STOP? KEEP SINGING!
!?

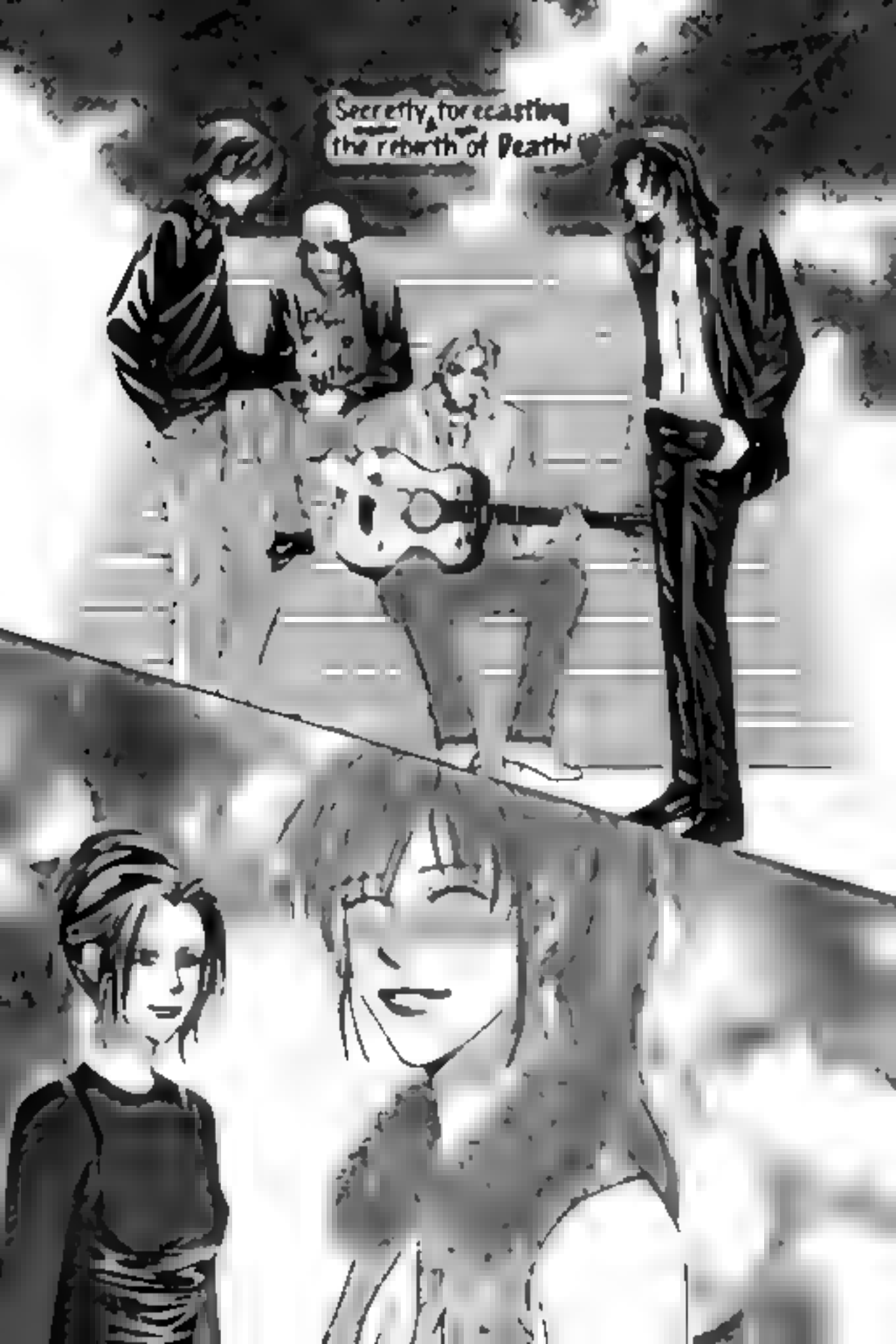
SURRENDERS WEAPON!
AH!
Still drunk!
THAT'S BETTER!
PING!
Wah!
WHICH RETARD DARES TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF THE GREAT SHANG GUAN?
HE MUST BE SICK OF LIFE!
HIC - CUP!
tune!
tune!
I'LL SHOW YOU A TRICK OR TWO...
SINCE YOU'RE BEING GOOD,
Ooh... I'm going to report you for picking on the weak...

DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE!
SHANG SHANG BUAN.
Waah-
THROW!
HICCUP!
THE GREATEST COMPOSITION OF THE CENTURY.
I SPENT 10 MINUTES ON THIS,
LISTEN CARE-FULLY!

STRUMS
HE MANAGED TO GET THAT SOUND COLOR OUT OF A BROKEN OLD GUITAR..
MAYBE HE'S EVEN BETTER WHEN HE'S DRUNK

FIGHT
POWER
KING
La La La
THIS SONG IS...

Cold and clear notes flow through Shang Guan's fingers,
blending into hints of tenderness...
to meet in the rhythm of his guitar.
Picking up everyone's feelings...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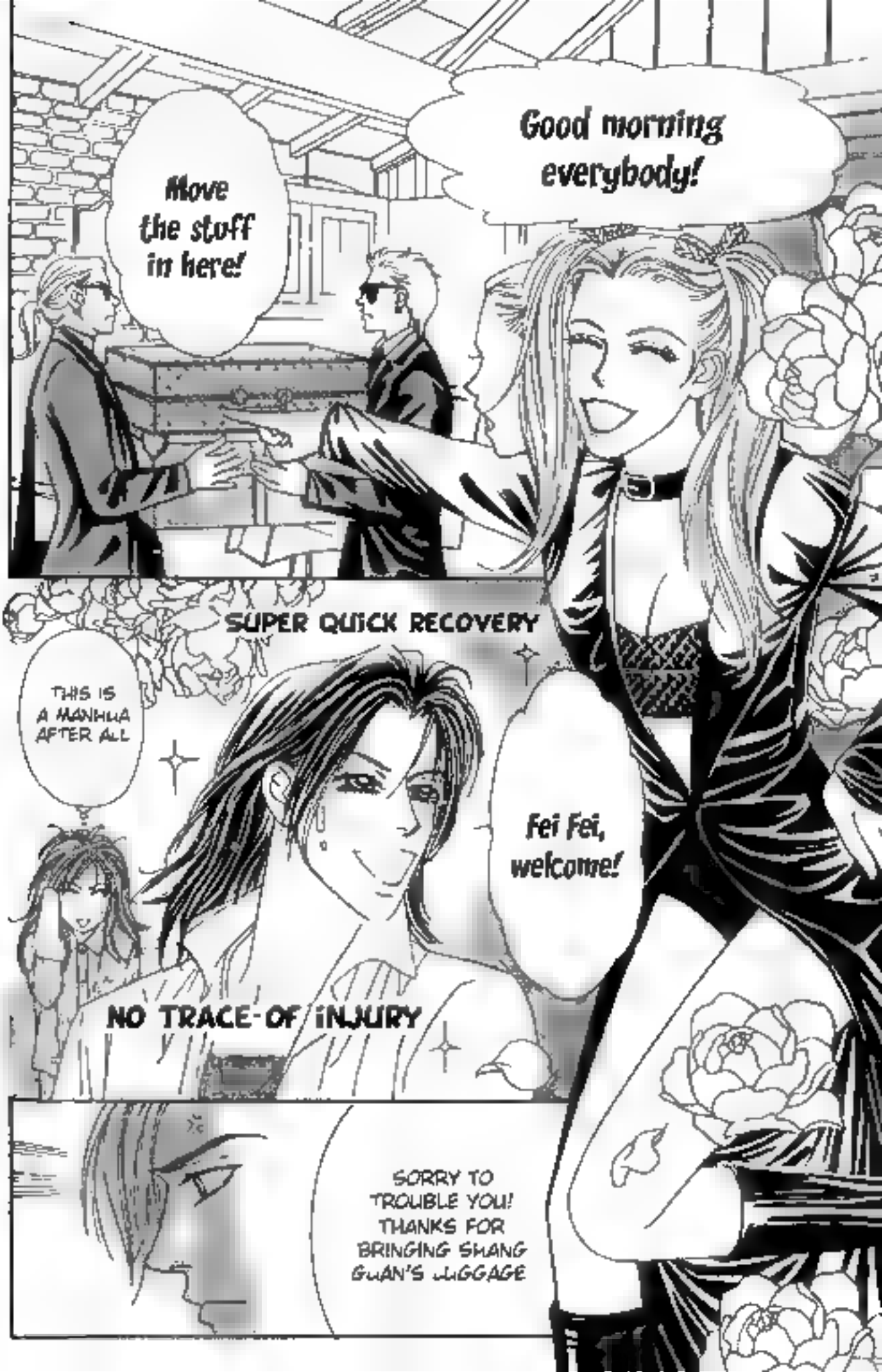
WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS PLACE?

WHAT'S GOING ON. ?

How most-night, My entire body aches. I feel like we been run over by a sea of people
Your face is covered in blood Are you alright?
SO WOW
WHY DID I STAY HERE LAST NIGHT?
AND I WAS SLEEPING WITH THAT DUMMY!
The result of fighting in their sleep!

HOWL
I MEANT MY OWN HOME!
yawn~
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO GOT DRUNK AND SAID YOU WANTED US TO BRING YOU HOME TO SLEEP
Hey! You're scaring people with that face!
WE'RE LIKE FAMLY!
WHY WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS?
Beep Beep
PA-CHA!
WHO'S LIKE FAMILY TO YOU?! SHOVE IT!
Wow. His face hit the floor! Should we get in touch with a plastic surgeon?
BEEP
PING!


Good morning everybody!
Move the stuff in here!
SUPER QUICK RECOVERY
THIS IS A MANHUA AFTER ALL
Fei Fei, welcome!
NO TRACE OF INJURY
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU! THANKS FOR BRINGING SHANG GUAN'S LUGGAGE

I ORDERED YOUR PLANE TICKETS BEFORE I LEFT
YOUR FLIGHT'S THIS FRIDAY AT 10 AM.
MY LUGGAGE?
WELL, THE RESULT OF OUR LAST NIGHT'S DISCUSSION WAS THAT
IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME WE RETURN TO TAIWAN.
WHAT THE FUCK DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH MY LUGGAGE?
WE PLAN TO JAIL YOU HERE FOR NOW TO PREVENT YOU FROM RUNNING AWAY
BEFORE WE GET ON THE PLANE
WHO SAID I WAS GOING BACK TO TAIWAN WITH YOU?

WHEN YOU WERE DRUNK, YOUR SONG ALREADY EXPLAINED EVERYTHING FOR YOU
!?
STOP SAYING WORDS YOU DON'T MEAN ANYMORE
ONLY A PERSON WHO HEARD WANG XIANG SING WOULD HAVE THIS FEELING.
Aiya~ So embarrassing!
IT MUST BE AFTER THE CONCERT THAT YOU WERE INSPIRED TO WRITE IT
THAT SONG IS CUSTOM MADE FOR WANG XIANG'S VOICE AFTER ALL.

IF YOU CAN WRITE SUCH A GREAT SONG, YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A REASON TO LEAVE MUSIC BEHIND.
HOWL!
YEAH! WE WON'T LAUGH AT YOU!
COME BACK, SHANG GUAN!
.....
BRO-THER-
She only dares to touch his shirt
HMM

TAIWAN
Wang Xiang on stage with Jues again, warming up for comeback of Death
.....

TAH!
TAH!
TAH!
PA-
SAI

HOW'S EVERY-THING?
PA-CHA!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS ONE CHAO SHENG?
AHN' IT'S VERY CLOSE OVERALL
WE'VE DECIDED ON THIS ONE
.....

BASI-
CALLY
THIS
WAY
IS IT
REALLY
ALRIGHT?
IF THIS GUY
WANTS TO
KEEP WORKING
IN THE
PERFORMANCE
INDUSTRY
HE'LL KEEP
THIS SECRET
AFTER WE
GIVE HIM
SOME HUSH
MONEY
AND
SO,
AS LONG
AS YOU
DON'T SAY
ANYTHING,
WE WON'T
SAY ANY-
THING
THEN,
NOBODY
WILL FIND
OUT
THAT'S
RIGHT.
YOU CAN
FINALLY DO
WHAT YOU
WISHED!
REST
ALL YOU
LIKE!
.....

even if Death makes a comeback, they will not be able to threaten the place Graceful Boys holds!
As long as the album releases without a hitch, and we corner the market,
You're going back to Taiwan?
What?

Yeah
We've managed to capture our wanderlust guitar player so we have to take this opportunity to bring him back to Taiwan before he manages to run away!
Is he talking about a dog or
LET ME OUT!
A LONELY SUPERSTAR
Joey
Ooh
I can't believe you have to go! I just became friends with you
Hmm, Hmm
This is so painful

One package costs 6 dollars!*
Yeah very amazing
TAKES OUT!
But first you have to sign these autograph cards for me
*T/N: About 18 cents USD.
Joey, don't be sad when I get back I'll write you. and I'll mail you a package of the famous Taiwan staple science noodle
Is that something really amazing?
Science noodle?
Getting this many signed for friends, and still having plenty left over, are you thinking about selling these?
BULL'S-EYE!!
Hey! Hey Did agree to sign too?
SERIOUS!
A STACK ON HIS TABLE TOO

OH! NO ~~~!!

What is he talking about?

You mean that time you looked back at me and smiled meant nothing at all?

Seeing how relaxed you look,

you must be quite certain of the outcome of our gamble?

!

THIS IS...

Take a look at this first!

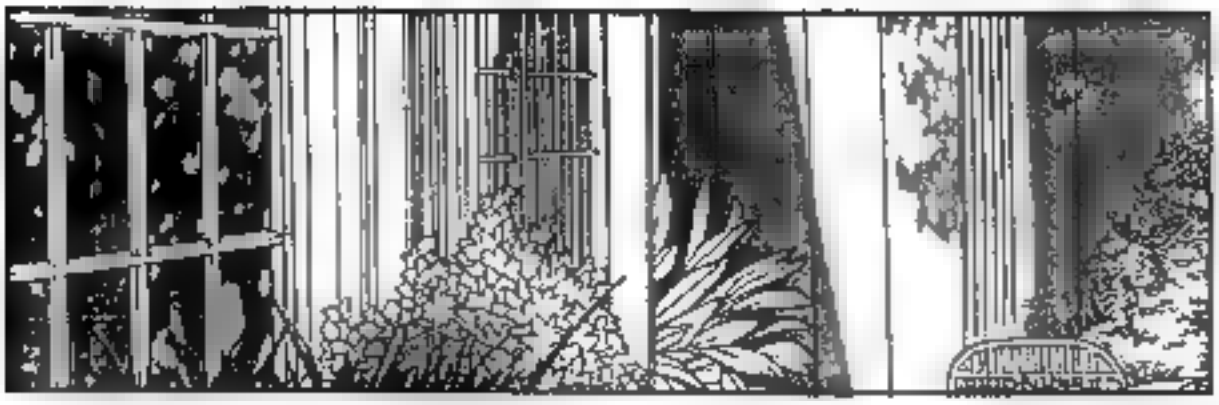
A skillful singer from Asia!

JB's promotion of a new rock talent after Rocket Queen!

AFTER HE F.RST APPEARED ON MTV,
At the same time
THIS MYSTERIOUS EASTERN BOY APPEARED AGAIN AT ROCKET QUEEN'S CONCERT WITH HIS FLASHY APPEARANCE, IT HAS P.QUED THE CURIOSITY OF THE FANS!
ASIDE FROM THIS,
MEDIA OUTLETS ARE TRYING TO GUESS THE IDENTITY OF THIS LUCKY GUY WHO CAN STAND ON THE STAGE W.TH THE TWO HEAVENLY KINGS.

Ha ha ha
It looks like the big sis and bro of the media have misunderstood the situation
Maybe you should consider this seriously. Keep him in America and train him into a money tree, what do you say, JB?
.....
What kind of a joke is that? He's not at that level yet
Yeah! You really caught their attention this time
POP!
Everyone is guessing that you're nervously JB's new pet
with a performance that lasted less than 10 minutes
It's the first time that happened. You managed to steal 3 of my newspaper front page

You mean that I don't need to leave Death?
You've approved of my performance?
You better get back to Taiwan and reopen for your Death. so that the media will stop asking me about you
don't really want to spend energy explaining
Thank you! JB...
You little idiot! You really cared about that, eh
Ooh



IT'S ALMOST TIME WE SHOULD BE LEAVING FOR THE AIRPORT!

IS EVERY-ONE READY?

let's go home!

let's go!

let's go!

EH? SHANG GUAN ISN'T READY YET?

PA-CHA!
SHANG GUAN! MOVE FASTER! WE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW
WAAH~ FEI FEI?!
YA!
She stayed here last night
Z Z Z
WHY ARE YOU IN SHANG GUAN'S ROOM?
SIBLINGS CAN'T STAY IN THE SAME ROOM?
BECAUSE I DISSOLVED THIS IN HIS WATER!
Ho ho.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE CLOSE TO HIM.
Ehhh ?!
I clearly saw you sleeping on the couch last night.
NO.
I MEAN WHY WOULD SHANG GUAN LET YOU CLOSE TO HIM?

HE STILL KEEPS ME AT A DISTANCE
AND OUR RELATIONSHIP DIDN'T IMPROVE.
HE SELDOM STAYS IN AMERICA THIS LONG.
Fei Fei ...
I JUST WANT TO SEE HIM AND SPEND SOME TIME BY HIS SIDE BEFORE HE GOES BACK
She must be very lonely. Her parents stay abroad for years, she lives in such a big house all by herself, and she has a cold blooded brother like Shang Guan...
Poor Fei Fei!

YES?
FEI FEI
!?
I plan to leave a mark of love on my brother's body!
WEAK!
This lipstick color isn't bad! It's colorful!
THIS WAY HE'LL UNDER-STAND HOW MUCH HIS LITTLE SISTER LOVES HIM...
A... mark of love?!

Chu
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Chu
passes out
Kissing his face like crazy!
Slept right until after he got on the plane.
Two hours later...
HOONG!
LET ME OFF THE PLANE! I'M GOING TO KILL THAT BITCH!
She's your little sister!
YA!
THIS FAMILY'S WAY OF EXPRESSING THEIR AFFECTION IS VERY STRANGE

Graceful Boys
New song release press conference
TAIPEI
IS THIS
PRODUCED BY SHANG GUAN YI?
THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR VOICE, AND THAT YOU'RE

AS FOR MY SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONCERN
ACTUALLY, I ALREADY HAVE A GIRL I LIKE
COULD YOU TELL US WHO SHE S?
.....
SHE USED TO WORK WITH ME
ASIDE FROM THAT I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ANYMORE

The same number plays over and over again!
Yi. .
Lies, stunts, garnish ...
This circuit is getting more and more boring everyday...

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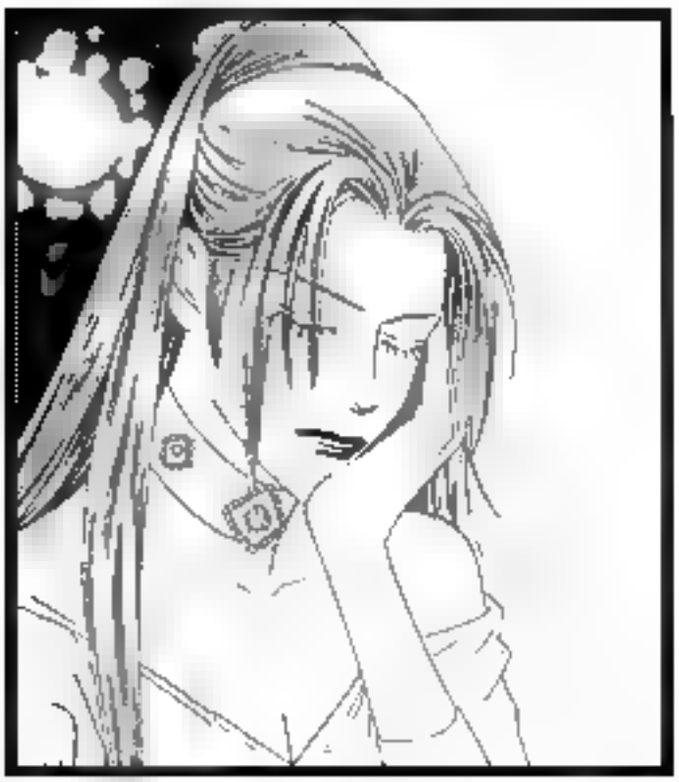

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Hoong!
WAH! SO MANY REPORTERS, ARE THERE SOME BIG STARS COMING?
KA-CHA!
KA-CHA!
TAH!
KA-CHA!

What is going on?
THE POSSIBILITY OF WANG XIANG GONG SOLO IS
IS JB PAVING THE ROAD FOR DEATH'S INTERNATIONAL STARDOM?!
SINCE THE FOUR OF YOU CAME BACK TOGETHER DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE RUMORS OF YOUR DISBANDING WERE WRONG?
Ahhh
THE FANS IN TAIWAN MISS YOU ALL A LOT!
WANG XIANG! YOUR PERFORMANCE AT JOEY'S CONCERT WAS EXCEPTIONAL,
PLEASE STAY CALM, EVERYONE!
THE BAND MEMBERS JUST CAME OFF THE PLANE AND THEY ARE VERY TIRED
EVERYONE, PLEASE UNDERSTAND.

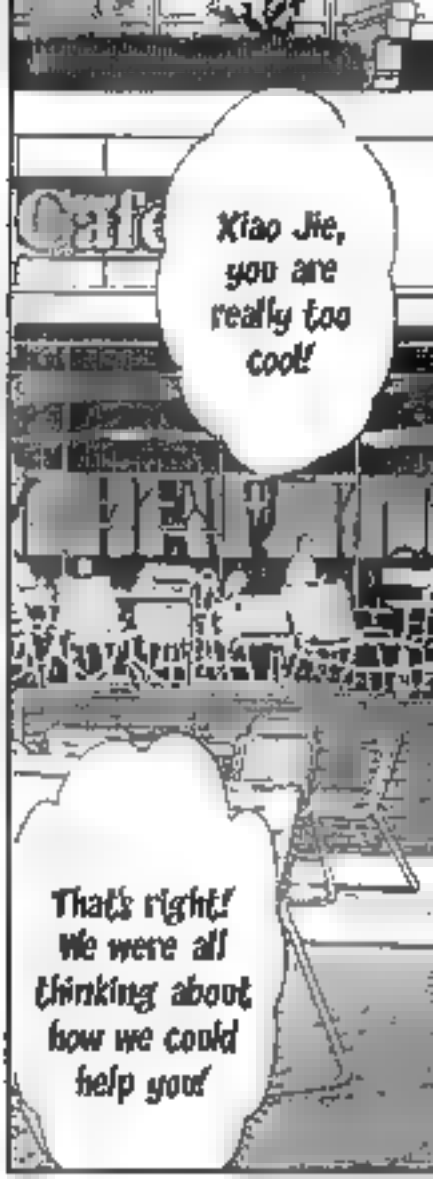
AS FOR YOUR QUESTIONS,
WE WILL HOST A PRESS CONFERENCE AS SOON AS WE CAN.
AND GIVE YOU ALL A SATISFACTORY ANSWER FOR SURE.
Uncle Lang!
WE DID NOT PREDICT THAT WANG XIANG'S PERFOR-MANCE WOULD INSTIGATE SO MANY DEDUCTIONS FROM THE PRESS
PUSHING DEATH BACK INTO THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

"THE DEATH RETURNS!"
Death rebirth press conference
THOSE TROUBLE-SOME GUYS ARE BACK.
NO MATTER WHAT, WE'RE FINALLY HOME!
THIS TIME THEY WERE SHELTERED BY THE SUPERSTAR, JB
Thank you everyone for coming. Today's press conference is over.
The new album will be released very soon, everyone please
DO YOU NOT FEEL THAT THEY'RE VERY LUCKY?

MISS FANG JIE, PLEASE WAIT A SECOND!
!!
YOU'RE THE MISS FANG JIE AS IN THE EX-KEYBOARD PLAYER OF GRACEFUL BOYS RIGHT?
KA-CHA!
RUMOR SAYS YOU HAVE GONE OUT WITH QIAO SHENG FROM GRACEFUL BOYS.
COULD YOU TELL US IF THIS RUMOR IS TRUE?
KA-CHA!
THE ONLY THING QIAO SHENG TOLD US ABOUT THE PERSON HE LIKES IS THAT SHE USED TO WORK WITH HIM
IS HE INSINUATING THAT HE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OVER YOU?
KA-CHA!
ARE YOU STILL FRIENDS RIGHT NOW?

Shang Guan...
This is too sudden! How did this...
NERVOUS!
!
.....
MISS FANG JIE, PLEASE ANSWER OUR QUES-TION!

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS
AS FOR WHO HE LIKES, THAT'S HIS OWN BUSINESS.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, THEN I SUGGEST YOU ASK HIM.
PLEASE DON'T FOLLOW ME AROUND


Xiao Jie, you are really too cool!
That's right! We were all thinking about how we could help you!

SPEAKING OF WHICH,
REALLY SHANG GUAN! YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO HELP YOUR OWN GIRLFRIEND

I WAS ACTUALLY SCARED ENOUGH TO WANT HELP FROM YOU GUYS.

Wang Kang!
Hey! What are you saying?

DIDN'T SHE ALREADY SOLVE IT HERSELF ANYWAY?
YOU CAN STOP TALKING

ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS SHOW YOUR FACE. AFTER ALL WE'RE NOT THE KIND OF IDOLS THAT RELY ON IMAGE FOR MONEY
A PUBLIC LOVE LIFE IS MUCH MORE RELAXED

As expected ...
I cannot expect anything from Shang Guan.
What did I do? It's only been a few short months,
and I changed into someone who wants to rely on another person...

THANK YOU FOR DROPPING ME OFF
THEN
GOOD NIGHT!

Hey !
WHAT IS IT?
NO, NOTHING
DO YOU WANT TO COME UP AND STAY FOR A BIT?

Li Hua
Eh?
Shang Guan didn't come home after he took her back?
Wow! Really? How daring!
I'M AFRAID THAT WILL HAPPEN OFTEN.
Not used to it already.
SO LONELY
BUT THEN THERE'S NOBODY TO PLAY A GAME OF PUNCHING EACH OTHER.
The one who's not used to it would be you!
WE MIGHT AS WELL GET USED TO IT
Heh Heh Heh
MORNING, SHANG GUAN!
WHAT KIND OF FACE IS THAT?
I CAN PLAY THAT KIND OF GAME WITH YOU ANY TIME.

DOES EVERYONE HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT THE NEW ALBUM?
cough, cough
SINCE EVERYONE IS HERE, LET'S HAVE THE MEETING!
RE-BIRTH,
CHANGE,
BRO-KEN,
WE'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IT, AND FEEL THAT WE SHOULD USE WHAT DEATH REPRESENTS.
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE MUSICAL STYLE?
THAT'S WONDER-FUL!
AS THE IDEAS BEHIND THIS ALBUM.

YOU MEAN LIKE THE ARRANGEMENTS FROM "THE DOORS"?

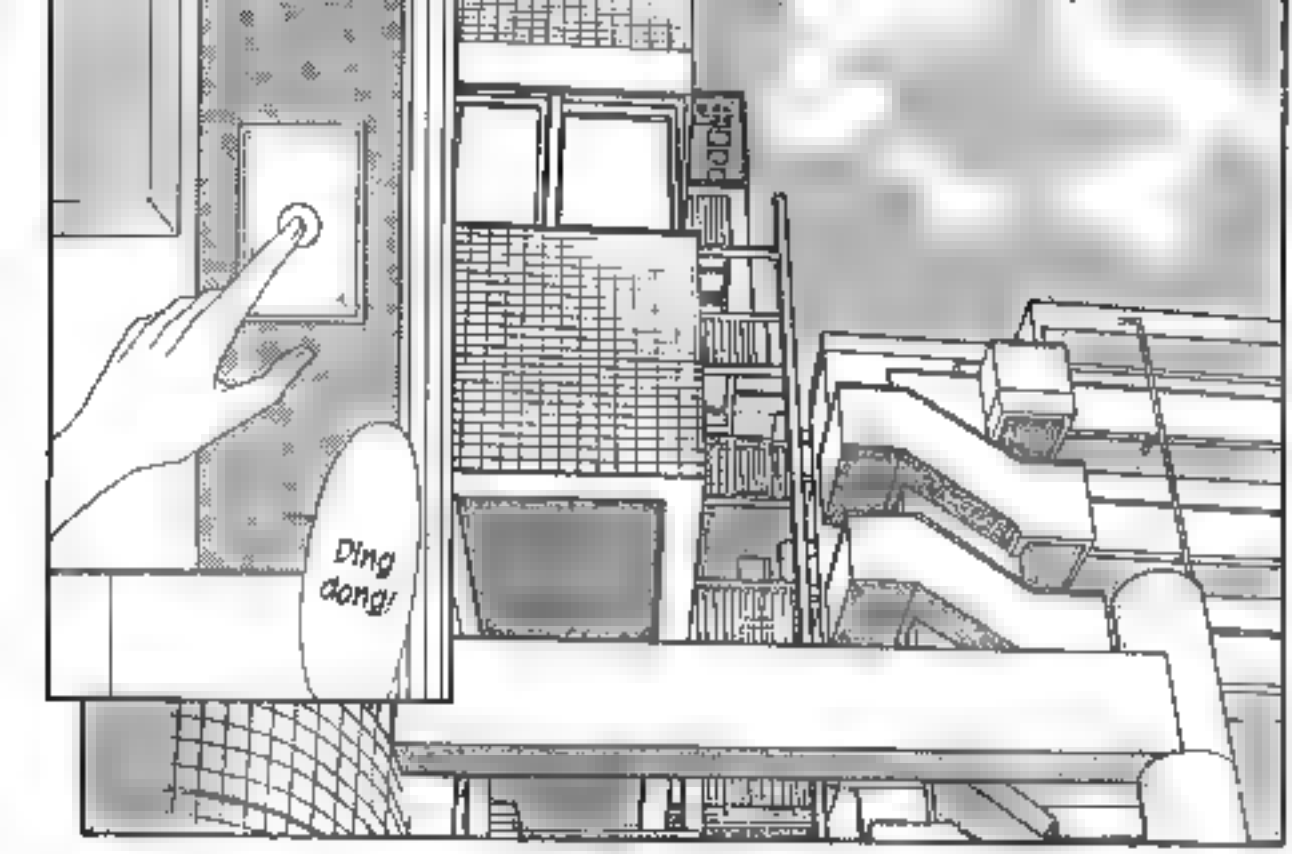
I LIKE THE NEO-CLASSICAL PSYCHEDELIC ROCK.

WHY DON'T WE ADD THAT POPULAR ELECTRONICA?

WHAT DO YOU SAY, SHANG QUAN?

MAYBE WE CAN TRY A MORE COMPLICATED MUSICAL STYLE

IT'S ALL POSSIBLE! AS LONG AS YOU CAN PLAY IT WITH A CELLO.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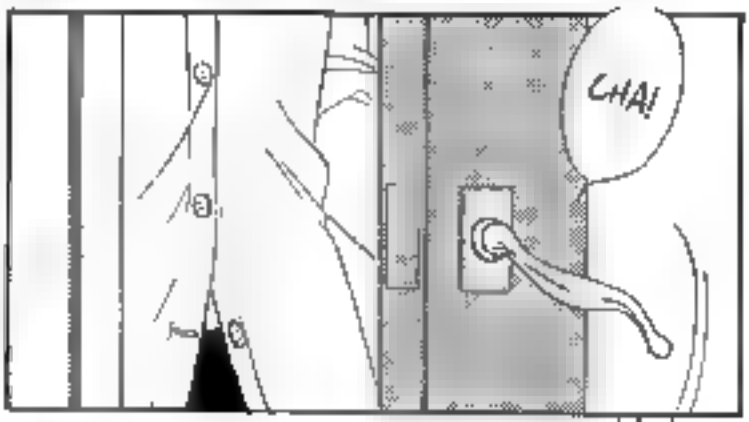
QIAO SHENG!


CHA!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU LET ME COME INTO YOUR PLACE.
DO YOU WANT SOME TEA?
WE CAN HEAR YOUR NEW SONG EVERY-WHERE
CONGRA-TULA-TIONS.
GRACE-FUL BOYS HAS BEEN VERY SUC-CESS-FUL

WHEN I HEAR THAT WORD NOW, IT SOUNDS FAKE AND IRONIC.
SUC-CESS?
WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT?
ISN'T THIS SOMETHING YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED?
WHAT HAPPE-NED?
AND THAT I WAS STILL A NAMELESS PUB SINGER.
RIGHT NOW I WOULD RATHER HAVE NEVER ENTERED THIS SOCIAL CIRCLE.

KA-
LHANG
!!

I NEED YOUR SUPPORT, XIAO JIE
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE TODAY
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED,
BUT,
ARE YOU WILLING TO RETURN TO MY SIDE?
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SUPPORT ME BY MY SIDE,
MAYBE I'LL HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO THIS ONE THING

THEN EXPECT ME TO BE THERE FOR YOU WHEN YOU RUN INTO OBSTACLES
QIAO SHENG. YOU CAN'T KICK ME ASIDE WHEN YOU WANT UP THE LADDER.
SO YOU'RE STILL MAD ABOUT THAT!
THAT WAS THE RECORD COMPANY'S IDEA. I COULDN'T LET THE CHANCE SLIP BY WITH MY EYES OPEN, YOU KNEW THAT!
BUT I DON'T HAVE THOSE FEELINGS TOWARDS YOU ANY-MORE
AND AGAIN, I'M REGRETTING IT

YOU HAVE A NEW BOY-FRIEND?
IT'S THAT GUITA-RIST?
...
PA-SAA!
I CAN'T SAY THAT WE'RE IN A RELATIONSHIP FROM JUST MY SIDE,
BUT THERE IS A CERTAIN FEELING DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE TWO OF US..
.....

HMPH!
I THINK THAT IT MUST BE A CERTAIN RELATIONSHIP THAT'S DEVELOPING. RIGHT?

!?

THAT'S TRUE, RIGHT ?!

YOU LET THAT DIRTY DOG GO TO BED WITH YOU?

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO ASK ME THAT!
I could sympathize with your lack of security.
But why did you choose letting that guy.
and because I knew about what happened to your mother
You never let our relationship get to the next step.
PA-CHA!
WHY DID YOU STILL CHOOSE HIM?
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHAT'S FAMOUS ABOUT HIM IN THE PUB SCENE ASIDE FROM THE GUITAR IS HOW HE PLAYS AROUND WITH WOMEN?

OOH...
PA-
CHA!

PAH!

Sfx smack!
FUCK! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU DARE TOUCH MY WO-MAN?
NNNG!

SHANG GUAN
LET'S GO
PLEASE
DON'T
GET OUT!

PA-
LAK!
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME TOO?

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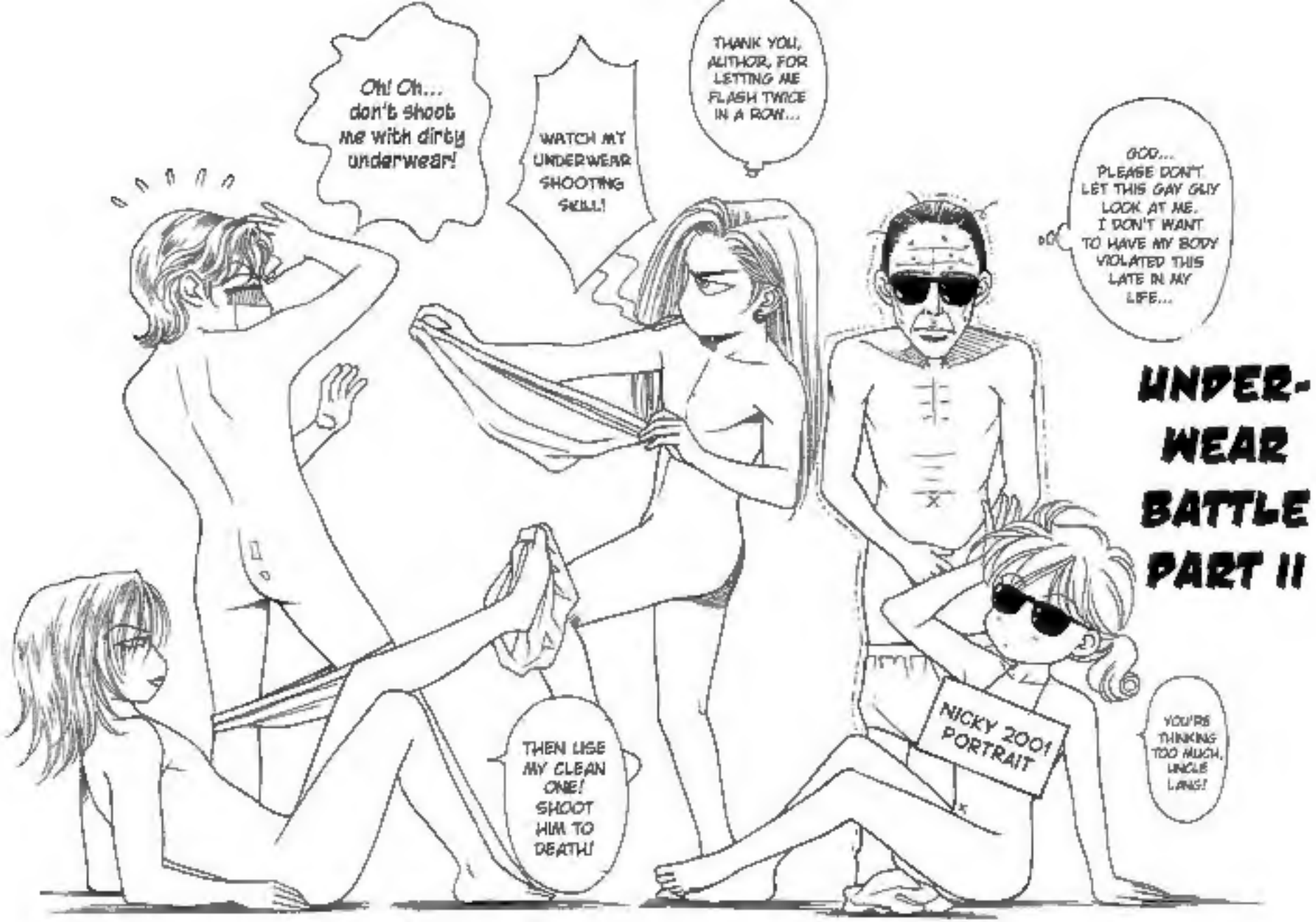
YOUTH GONE WILD
UNDER-WEAR BATTLE PART I
Don't... don't hurt my delicate body again...
Baby, I can't help you. I'm afraid my chrysanthe-mum has bloomed.
WHY SHOULD I COVER ANYTHING? I LOVE NATURE.
I ALREADY SAID, COME HERE.
Oh, oh! How flashy! Even shades can't block this bright-ness!


Oh! Oh... don't shoot me with dirty underwear!
WATCH MY UNDERWEAR SHOOTING SKILL!
THANK YOU, AUTHOR, FOR LETTING ME FLASH TWICE IN A ROW...
GOD... PLEASE DON'T LET THIS GAY GUY LOOK AT ME. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE MY BODY VIOLATED THIS LATE IN MY LIFE...
UNDER-WEAR BATTLE PART II
THEN USE MY CLEAN ONE! SHOOT HIM TO DEATH!
NICKY 2001 PORTRAIT
YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH, UNCLE LANG!

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